total amount so far invested and its actual percentage used for economic development;

(b) whether Government have not been able to check exploitation of Tribals in land alienation, indebtedness, money lending and their forest-displacement;

(c) what steps Government propose to rectify the situation and improve the quality of life of the tribals; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to evolve a comprehensive national policy to provide socio-economic and cultural rehabilitation to the displaced tribals; if so, the outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The total investment by the Centre and Stattes in the Seventh Plan for the Tribal sub-Plan and the Special Component Plan is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 15,761.91 crores. The actual investment for economic development schemes is difficult to compute since many of the schemes not leading ot direct economic results also contribute partly to the economic development of these groups.

(b) and (c) Several State Governments have enacted laws and regulations to check exploitation of the tribals, especially in the areas of land alienation indebtedness and money lending.

(d) Government is alive to the problem of displacement of the Tribals, and a policy for their rehabilitation is being given shape to.

Establishment of indigenous fertiliser consultancy units

2186. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish indigenous fertiliser consultancy units;

(b) whether these units would affect the present fertiliser units like Projects and Development India Ltd., (PDIL) and Fertiliser and Engineering Designs Organisation (FEDO); and

(c) whether the present contract with Snam Progetti would be allowed to lapse?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is not such proposal at present.

Deficit of Rail facilities in the North Eastern Region

2187. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the region of the North Eastern Railways suffers from (i) deficit in railway network in K.M. (ii) shortage of trains and (iii) the poor quality of coaches used for the trains; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to accelerate the process of doubling of the track and increase in the frequency of trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Expansion of the existing railway network in the North-Eastern Region though sufficient to meet the present needs, is in hand by construction of 180 km MG line at a cost of Rs. 157 crores and 142 km of BG line at a cost of Rs. 388 crores. The existing train services are adequate. However, a new weekly Express train is proposed to be introduced form May 90 from Guwahati to Jammu Tawi. Efforts are also in hand to improve quality of coaches in service in the North Eastern Region.